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Overview

Table 11.1 **Estimate of expenditure**

Proposal submitted by the Secretary-General	$12,641,000[a]
Revised appropriation for 2010-2011	$12,641,000

[a] At 2010-2011 rates.

Table 11.2 **Proposed staffing resources**

Posts	*Number*	*Level*
Regular budget		
Proposed for the biennium 2012-2013	35	1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 7 P-4, 10 P-3, 1 GS (PL), 8 GS (OL), 1 LL
Approved for the biennium 2010-2011	35	1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 7 P-4, 10 P-3, 1 GS (PL), 8 GS (OL), 1 LL

Abbreviations: USG, Under-Secretary-General; GS, General Service; PL, Principal level; OL, Other level; LL, Local level.

11.1 The programme was established following the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s in 2002. As a result of that review, the General Assembly, by its resolution 57/7, brought to a close the New Agenda and endorsed the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)[1] as the framework for the international community's support to African development. In its resolution 57/7, the Assembly also outlined the substantive areas and modalities for providing such support, inter alia, underscoring the need for a structure in the Secretariat in New York to review and report on the support provided by the United Nations system and the international community for the New Partnership, and on the coordinated implementation of outcomes of summits and conferences as they relate to Africa, as well as to coordinate global advocacy in support of the New Partnership. In addition, the Assembly welcomed the actions being taken at the regional level by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to organize the activities of the United Nations system around thematic clusters covering the priority areas of the New Partnership and, in that regard, urged the strengthening of this process as a means of enhancing the effective response of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership. Finally, it called upon the United Nations system to intensify its advocacy role and public information activities in support of Africa's development. Subsequently, in its resolution 57/300, the Assembly endorsed the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and entrusted to that Office the role of coordinating both reports and advocacy in support of NEPAD. The role of the Office in supporting NEPAD has been reaffirmed by the Assembly in a series of subsequent resolutions.

11.2 At the World Summit, held at the United Nations in September 2005 (see General Assembly resolution 60/1), world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the special needs of Africa, the only continent not on track to meet any of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (see Assembly resolution 55/2) by 2015. Subsequently, world leaders reaffirmed the

[1] NEPAD was formally adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held in Lusaka in July 2001.

special needs of Africa in the political declaration adopted by the Assembly at its high-level meeting on Africa's development needs, on 22 September 2008 (see Assembly resolution 63/1). The New Partnership includes a commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which represents an important linkage with the Millennium Declaration. NEPAD thus substantially reflects the priorities in terms of meeting the special needs of Africa as set out in the Millennium Declaration, namely, supporting the political and institutional structures of emerging democracies in Africa; further building peacekeeping capacity in cooperation with regional organizations; taking special measures to address the challenges of poverty reduction and sustainable development by cancelling debt, increasing official development assistance, enhancing private capital flows and building capacities for trade; and helping Africa to build its capacity to tackle the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. Consequently, through its support for NEPAD, the programme will also contribute substantively to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa.

11.3 A major barrier to Africa's development has been the persistence of conflicts in some of the countries of the region. The need to develop a comprehensive response to promoting peace and security and development has long been recognized and was articulated in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318). Since the issuance of that report, in 1998, a number of United Nations initiatives in Africa have been in line with the recommendations contained therein, although a great deal still needs to be done. In recognition of this, the General Assembly, by its resolution 60/223, called upon the Secretary-General to continue to monitor progress in the implementation of the recommendations. A comprehensive review of the implementation of the original 1998 recommendations is being undertaken by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa.

11.4 In accordance with the mandate provided in the resolutions of the General Assembly, the programme aims to (a) mobilize support and galvanize the efforts of the international community for peace and development in Africa, (b) ensure that the development of Africa remains one of the main priorities of the international community, (c) promote a supportive international framework for African development efforts, (d) encourage a coordinated and effective response by the United Nations system at the policy and operational levels in support of African development and (e) strengthen and enhance South-South cooperation in support of Africa's advancement.

11.5 Regional and international efforts have focused on the implementation of NEPAD and on assisting Africa's efforts to develop a robust peace and security architecture. The programme will support those efforts through a mix of analytical work, advocacy and outreach, and by improving coordination of the work of the United Nations system in support of Africa's development.

11.6 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa provides overall coordination and leadership of the programme, which will be the joint responsibility of the Office, ECA and the Department of Public Information.

11.7 The Office convenes strategic meetings regularly through the Inter-departmental Task Force on Africa, chaired by the Special Adviser on Africa in an effort to harmonize work related to Africa and ensuring a coherent and integrated approach to United Nations support for Africa, including follow-up to the implementation of all global summit and conference outcomes related to Africa.

11.8 The Secretary-General initiated in 2008, on an experimental basis, the realignment of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. The realignment initiative seeks to reinforce advocacy efforts and promote greater inter-agency coordination and donor contact to mobilize support for programmes dedicated to the development of Africa and to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;

to streamline operations and eliminate duplication and overlap so as to increase the focus on Africa's development and the specific needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States; to amplify efforts to raise awareness and maintain political momentum towards addressing the challenges facing these countries with special needs; and to maximize the use of resources in the delivery of United Nations support for countries with special needs.

11.9 Following on from the outcomes and recommendations of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey, the Secretary-General intends to provide Member States with an assessment of the impact of the experiment on both programmes since the beginning of the pilot scheme in 2008 aimed at determining subsequent programme and section configuration, design, and mandate delivery that may be considered by the General Assembly.

11.10 The African Union Commission has become part of the secretariat of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa, and thus the joint ECA-African Union Commission secretariat is now operational. The establishment of the joint secretariat has improved the effectiveness and efficiency in delivering activities, including: (i) improved coordination, coherence and efficiency in United Nations system-wide support to the African Union and its NEPAD programme at the regional and subregional levels: (ii) streamlined processes and programmes through joint organization and joint delivery of activities, and as a result, enhanced impact of United Nations support to NEPAD at the subregional and regional levels; and (iii) more active engagement of the African Union Commission, African Development Bank and the regional economic communities in the Regional Coordination Mechanism and the work of its clusters.

11.11 The Africa Section of the Department of Public Information will begin using the new Content Management System in the biennium 2012-2013. It will substantially improve time-effectiveness in producing *Africa Renewal*, posting material on the section's website (www.un.org/africarenewal) and updating the mailing database. It also makes the section's website more interactive with users.

11.12 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa is proactive in working closely with Member States, the African Union, the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency, the African Development Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, and the entire United Nations system (including the Bretton Woods institutions) in the performance of its functions. The Office works to ensure that African development issues are effectively addressed in the intergovernmental debates and in the resolutions emerging from these bodies. It seeks to raise international awareness of African development issues through advocacy and catalytic activities, participation at key forums, encouragement of United Nations system coordination, promotion of more South-South cooperation and engagement with civil society and the private sector.

11.13 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa has implemented resolution 63/260 and has filled all the development pillar posts (2 P-3 and 1 P-4). The three posts have enabled the Office to follow more intensively the implementation of NEPAD programmes and priorities; the progress of the African Peer Review Mechanism, the evolution of Africa's institutional architecture in peace and security, such as the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the African Stand-by Force. The Office now has greater capacity to follow ongoing work on the rule of law, mediation issues, and security sector reform. In addition, at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Office presented a comprehensive review, on the "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/65/152-S/2010/526) of the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable

development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318). The added capacity will ensure better follow-up to the recommendations of the review, including by providing assistance in the preparation of round tables and other events supported by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in relation to the implementation of the recommendations; assisting the Chiefs of the Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit and the Coordination, Advocacy and Programme Development Unit as well as the Director in the outreach and advocacy efforts related to the report; liaising with relevant partners such as the Africa Union, the regional economic communities, and NEPAD; and promoting advocacy for the efforts of African partners in implementing the recommendations of the report. The new development pillar posts have also enabled the Office to more actively participate in the discussions and meetings of the functional bodies of the Economic and Social Council, such as the Commission on Sustainable Development, as well as the ongoing work of the General Assembly and the Security Council in matters relating to Africa. With the increased human resources, the Office has been better placed to monitor Africa's development needs, in particular the progress in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and commitments made by both African countries and the donor community, in the context of the improved monitoring mechanism that was submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.

11.14 The overall resources required for the biennium 2012-2013 under this section amount to $12,641,000 before recosting. Of this amount, resources of $10,249,600 are required for the continuation of 35 posts (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 7 P-4, 10 P-3, 1 General Service (Principal level), 8 General Service (Other level) and 1 Local level). An amount of $2,391,400 is required for non-post requirements under other staff costs, consultants, experts, travel of staff, contractual services, and others.

11.15 In the biennium 2012-2013, the total projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $1,460,000, will complement resources from the regular budget to finance activities in the broad priority areas. Under subprogramme 1, during the biennium 2012-2013, the projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $360,000 and representing an increase of $145,000 above the estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 ($215,000), will be used for the preparation of policy papers on emerging issues in Africa, follow-up activities relating to the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development and the preparation for the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, and the preparation of advocacy and promotional materials relating to NEPAD. Under subprogramme 2, during the biennium 2012-2013, the projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $1,100,000 and representing an increase of $937,000 above the estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 ($163,000), will complement resources from the regular budget to finance technical cooperation activities to provide support in enhancing the capacity of and coordination among Member States, the African Partnership Forum, the African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Agency, the Regional Coordination Mechanism cluster, and the regional economic communities and organizations in implementing NEPAD, the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union, the Regional Coordination Mechanism, the Subregional Coordination Mechanism, and the African Peer Review Mechanism National Programme of Action. A net increase of $937,000 for the biennium 2012-2013 against the estimates of $163,000 for the biennium 2010-2011 would be mobilized from bilateral sources concerned with African development.

11.16 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for the conduct of monitoring and evaluation would amount to $171,700, representing a total of nine work-months of Professional staff at the D-2, P-5, P-4 and P-3 levels and six work-months of staff at the General Service (Other level), funded from regular budget resources and reflected under each subprogramme.

11.17 The issue of publications as part of the programme of work has been reviewed in the context of each subprogramme. It is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as summarized in table 11.3 below and as distributed in the output information for each subprogramme.

Table 11.3 **Summary of publications**

	2008-2009 actual	*2010-2011 estimate*	*2012-2013 estimate*
Recurrent	20	20	16
Non-recurrent	17	15	13
Total	**37**	**35**	**29**

11.18 The estimated percentage distribution of the programme resources in the biennium 2012-2013 is shown in table 11.4.

Table 11.4 **Distribution of resources by component**

(Percentage)

	Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
Coordination of Global Advocacy of and Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	67.6	24.7
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	14.0	75.3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development	18.4	—
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

11.19 The distribution of resources is summarized in tables 11.5 and 11.6.

Table 11.5 **Post requirements**

	Established regular budget posts		*Temporary posts*				*Total*	
			Regular budget		*Extrabudgetary*			
Category	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-4/3	17	17	—	—	—	—	17	17
Subtotal	**25**	**25**	—	—	—	—	**25**	**25**

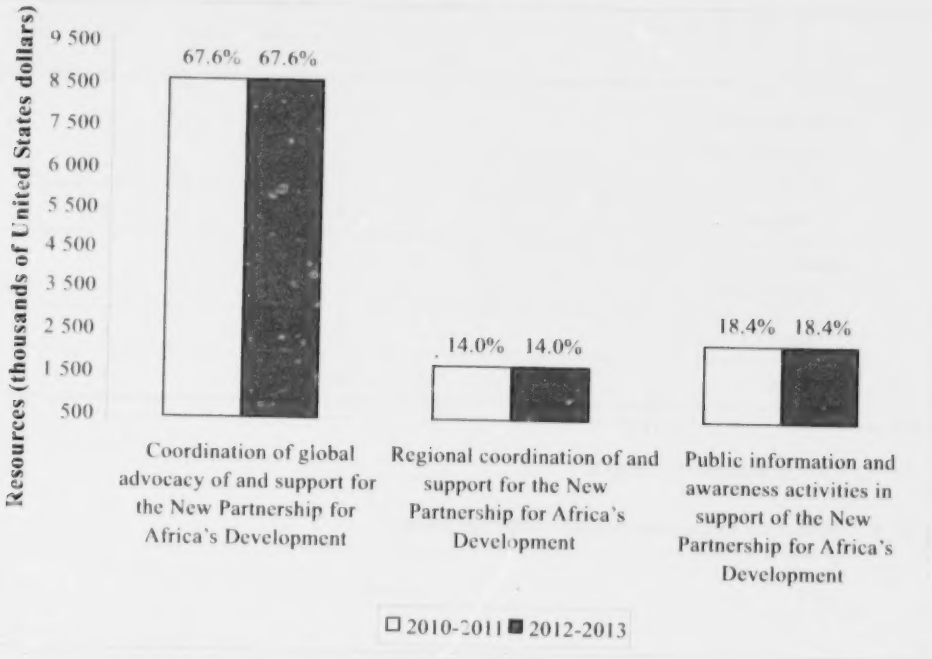
Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2010-2011	2012-2013	2010-2011	2012-2013	2010-2011	2012-2013	2010-2011	2012-2013
General Service								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other level	8	8	—	—	—	—	8	8
Subtotal	**9**	**9**	—	—	—	—	**9**	**9**
Other								
Local level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Subtotal	**1**	**1**	—	—	—	—	**1**	**1**
Total	**35**	**35**	—	—	—	—	**35**	**35**

Programme of work

Table 11.6 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2010-2011	2012-2013 (before recosting)	2010-2011	2012-2013 (before recosting)
Regular budget				
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	8 549.3	8 549.3	23	23
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	1 764.7	1 764.7	5	5
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development	2 327.0	2 327.0	7	7
Subtotal	**12 641.0**	**12 641.0**	**35**	**35**
Extrabudgetary	378.0	1 460.0	—	—
Total	**13 019.0**	**14 101.0**	**35**	**35**

Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $8,549,300

11.20 The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, which will be proactive in working closely with Member States, the African Union, the NEPAD Agency and the entire United Nations system (including the Bretton Woods institutions) in the performance of its function. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 1 of programme 9 of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1).

Table 11.7 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen international cooperation in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased international community support for Africa's development, in general, and for NEPAD, in particular	(a) (i) An increase in the number of United Nations system activities in support of Africa's development *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 135 activities Estimate 2010-2011: 140 activities Target 2012-2013: 145 activities (ii) Increased number of international forums addressing South-South cooperation in support of Africa *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 6 forums Estimate 2010-2011: 8 forums Target 2012-2013: 10 forums
(b) Improved United Nations coordination in providing support to Africa's development	(b) Increased number of joint initiatives in support of Africa's development undertaken by United Nations system agencies *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 40 joint initiatives Estimate 2010-2011: 45 joint initiatives Target 2012-2013: 50 joint initiatives
(c) Increased international awareness of Africa's development issues	(c) Increased number of visits to the websites of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 300 visits per day Estimate 2010-2011: 400 visits per day Target 2012-2013: 500 visits per day

External factors

11.21 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Member States continue to demonstrate the political will to implement effective actions in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the African agenda in general; (b) the private sector and civil society, not only internationally, but especially in Africa itself, show their willingness to be involved in the implementation of the New Partnership; and (c) all partners implement their financial pledges and other commitments in support of the New Partnership.

Outputs

11.22 During the biennium 2012-2013, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings in connection with the agenda item entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report on the New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support (2);

(ii) Economic and Social Council: substantive servicing of meetings; substantive servicing of Economic and Social Council meetings related to items on Africa's development (2);

(iii) Committee for Programme and Coordination:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings in connection with the Committee for Programme and Coordination during its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation: United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (2);

(iv) Ad hoc expert groups: managing diversity in Africa (1); elections, governance and violence in Africa (1); beyond traditional aid: mobilizing new sources of development finance for the implementation of NEPAD and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (1); infrastructure development within the context of Africa's cooperation with new and emerging development partners (1); panel discussion on African successes: Are leading African countries the next new and emerging economies? (1); panel discussion on promoting a green economy in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities (1); and panel discussion on the role of regional organizations in peace and development in Africa (1);

(v) Inter-agency meetings: coordination of the Advocacy and Communications Cluster of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies working in Africa (1); coordination of the Interdepartmental Task Force on Africa (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Recurrent publications: an overview of African Peace and Development: topical issues in the implementation of the New Partnership (1); folder on United Nations system

support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (2); directory of African non-governmental organizations (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: report on managing diversity in Africa (1); report on panel discussion on the role of regional organizations in peace and development in Africa (1); report on elections, governance and violence in Africa (1); report on panel discussion on African successes: Are leading African countries the next new and emerging economies? (1); report on panel discussion on promoting a green economy in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities (1); report on beyond traditional aid: mobilizing new sources of development finance for the implementation of NEPAD and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (1); report on infrastructure development within the context of Africa's cooperation with new and emerging development partners (1); report on the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (1); policy briefs related to the policy developments and follow-up to the comprehensive review process (2);

(iii) Seminars for outside users: briefings of Member States and other stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society, on current and emerging issues regarding Africa's development and progress in implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and on follow-up to United Nations global conferences (8);

(iv) Audio-visual resources: database on African non-governmental organizations (2); management of the website of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (www.un.org/africa/osaa) (1).

Table 11.8 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013 (before recosting)*	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*
Regular budget				
Post	7 134.9	7 134.9	23	23
Non-Post	1 414.4	1 414.4	—	—
Subtotal	**8 549.3**	**8 549.3**	**23**	**23**
Extrabudgetary	215.0	360.0	—	—
Total	**8 764.3**	**8 909.3**	**23**	**23**

11.23 Resources in the amount of $8,549,300 are required for the continuation of 23 posts (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 2 P-5, 4 P-4, 7 P-3, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 5 General Service (Other level)), and non-post operational resources, including other staff costs, consultants, experts, travel of staff, contractual services, etc.

11.24 During the biennium 2012-2013, the projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $360,000, will complement resources from the regular budget to finance activities such as the preparation of policy papers on emerging issues in Africa, travel of representatives to attend conferences and meetings, and conference costs. Extrabudgetary resources play an important role in involving a broader range of civil society, private sector actors in mandated activities, including expert group meetings and panels, and increasing the profile of NEPAD among all stakeholders. The low rate of implementation of extrabudgetary activities ($215,000) in 2010-2011 reflects the limited level of extrabudgetary fund mobilization during 2010.

Subprogramme 2
Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,764,700

11.25 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Economic Commission for Africa. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 2 of programme 9 of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1).

Table 11.9 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the United Nations system-wide support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, at the regional and subregional levels, within the context of the declaration on "Enhancing United Nations-African Union Cooperation: Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union"

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced coherence, coordination and cooperation among United Nations agencies and organizations in support of the implementation of the African Union's Africa Action Plan 2010-2015 and other NEPAD programmes at the regional level	(a) Increased number of joint programmes implemented by the Regional Coordination Mechanism clusters in support of the African Union's NEPAD programmes at the regional level *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 12 joint programmes Estimate 2010-2011: 15 joint programmes Target 2012-2013: 16 joint programmes
(b) Enhanced cooperation among United Nations agencies/organizations and the regional economic communities in support of the implementation of the African Union's NEPAD programmes at the subregional level	(b) Increased number of coordination mechanisms established at the subregional level and support given to their maintenance and continuity *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 0 coordination mechanisms Estimate 2010-2011: 2 coordination mechanisms Target 2012-2013: 4 coordination mechanisms

External factors

11.26 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) United Nations agencies/organizations working in Africa are committed to the

implementation of joint activities and programmes in support of the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union, and the attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals; and (b) African regional bodies, the regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations are supportive of the United Nations efforts to strengthen system-wide support for the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa's Development programme as well as the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union.

Outputs

11.27 During the biennium 2012-2013, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: annual session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (12);

(ii) Parliamentary documents: reports to the annual sessions of the regional coordination meeting of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the African Union and its NEPAD programme and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (2); reports to the intergovernmental session of ECA subregional offices on the United Nations system-wide support for the implementation of NEPAD and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union at the subregional level (2);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: implementation of the NEPAD and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (1); technical learning group meeting to report and exchange experiences and best practices of Subregional Coordination Mechanism (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: implementation of NEPAD and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (1); report on experiences and best practices of Subregional Coordination Mechanism (1);

(ii) Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet and other promotional materials highlighting best practices as well as effective joint projects/programmes in support of the African Union and the implementation of NEPAD and the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union by Untied Nations agencies, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and the regional economic communities (4);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of a website on United Nations support to NEPAD and to the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union within the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa and the Subregional Coordination Mechanism (1); maintenance of e-discussion lists for each of the clusters of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa and the Subregional Coordination Mechanism to improve intra-cluster dialogue and facilitate cross-sectoral programming and implementation within clusters and

subclusters (1); preparing and updating of guidelines for enhancing coordination of Regional Coordination Mechanism cluster and subcluster activities (2);

(iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: functional support for meetings of the United Nations thematic clusters of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the African Union and the implementation of NEPAD and for meetings of the Subregional Coordination Mechanism (1);

(v) Contribution to joint outputs: functional support to enhance cooperation among United Nations agencies at the subregional level in building the capacity of the Subregional Coordination Mechanism for joint implementation by United Nations system organizations of programmes in support of the regional economic communities in programme development and delivery (1); functional support to meetings organized within the context of enhancing the United Nations-African Union cooperation framework for the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (1); and advocacy and outreach activities for NEPAD in collaboration with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Department of Public Information, the United Nations Development Programme, the NEPAD Agency and the regional economic communities (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: provision of advisory services, upon request, to Member States, the regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations, the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, the Africa Partnership Forum, the NEPAD Steering Committee, and the African Peer Review Mechanism secretariat, especially relating to: the implementation of the United Nations/African Union cooperation within the framework of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (4); the regional economic communities and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in advancing the NEPAD programme and action plans (3); the African Peer Review Mechanism countries in the peer review process and in the implementation of their National Programmes of Action (3); the regional economic communities in establishing the Subregional Coordination Mechanism (8);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminar on resource mobilization for the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa and the implementation of the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union (1);

(iii) Field projects: capacity-building support to the African Union Commission, the regional economic communities and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in the implementation of NEPAD priority projects and programmes, especially in facilitating the joint implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting of activities within the framework of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa, the Subregional Coordination Mechanism and in the context of the Ten-Year Capacity Building Programme for the African Union (1).

Table 11.10 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013 (before recosting)*	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*
Regular budget				
Post	1 352.2	1 352.2	5	5
Non-Post	412.5	412.5	—	—
Subtotal	**1 764.7**	**1 764.7**	**5**	**5**
Extrabudgetary	163.0	1 100.0	—	—
Total	**1 927.7**	**2 864.7**	**5**	**5**

11.28 Resources in the amount of $1,764,700 would provide for the continuation of five posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 Local level), and non-post requirements under other staff costs, consultants, experts and travel of staff.

11.29 The projected extrabudgetary resources, amounting to $1,100,000, will complement resources from the regular budget to finance various technical cooperation activities such as the provision of advisory services; the organization of seminars, field projects, and capacity-building workshops in implementing the African Union and NEPAD priority projects and programmes; and the substantive servicing of the annual session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of NEPAD. A net increase of $937,000 for the biennium 2012-2013 against the estimates of $163,000 for the biennium 2010-2011 would be mobilized from bilateral sources concerned with African development.

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,327,000

11.30 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme lies with the Department of Public Information. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 3 of programme 9 of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1).

Table 11.11 **Objectives of the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To raise international support for the economic, political and social development of Africa, as well as of the efforts made by Africa and the international community to promote the economic recovery and sustainable development of the region in pursuit of the goals of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced awareness of key thematic issues of NEPAD and other issues related to economic recovery and sustainable development in Africa	(a) (i) Increased percentage of the target audience expressing satisfaction with the materials published in *Africa Renewal* *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 65 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 68 per cent Target 2012-2013: 70 per cent (ii) Increased number of online news features republished as a result of continuing interest *Performance measures* 2008-2009: 732 articles Estimate 2010-2011: 750 articles Target 2012-2013: 800 articles (iii) Improved dissemination of information on Africa's economic, political and social development through the strengthening of collaboration with existing communication mechanisms within the United Nations system *Performance measures* Number of visitors to Africa Renewal online per biennium 2008-2009: not applicable Estimate 2010-2011: 400,000 Target 2012-2013: 500,000

	Performance measures
	Number of page views on Africa Renewal online per biennium
	2008-2009: not applicable
	Estimate 2010-2011: 500,000
	Target 2012-2013: 600,000

External factors

11.31 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that external media (editors and journalists) are willing to accept publication materials prepared and disseminated by the Africa Section. The quality of the information that can be prepared by the subprogramme is influenced by the ability of partners (United Nations agencies, the African Union, the NEPAD Agency, actors in Africa and the international community) to share information on their activities related to the goals, challenges and accomplishments of NEPAD.

Outputs

11.32 During the biennium 2012-2013, the following outputs will be delivered: other substantive activities (regular budget):

(a) Recurrent publications: *Africa Renewal* in English (6); *Afrique Renouveau* in French (6);

(b) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: information kits, briefing papers, press releases, media advisories on major international, regional and local initiatives and developments that support or have an impact on Africa's economic and social development (2);

(c) Press releases, press conferences: promotion of information materials produced by the Section through media liaison with editors and writers in major African media and with major donor and other countries to place these articles and to include relevant information on United Nations support for Africa in their own materials (2);

(d) Technical material: *Africa Renewal* online (English and French versions): develop and maintain the website, produce content tailored to the media and others interested in Africa's development for access through the website and create the site design and page layouts to optimize audience access (www.un.org/africarenewal) (2);

(e) Contribution to joint outputs: contribution to the work of the Advocacy and Communications Cluster and United Nations mechanism for coordination of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (4).

Table 11.12 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013 (before recosting)*	*2010-2011*	*2012-2013*
Regular budget				
Post	1 762.5	1 762.5	7	7
Non-Post	564.5	564.5	—	—
Subtotal	**2 327.0**	**2 327.0**	**7**	**7**
Extrabudgetary	—	—	—	—
Total	**2 327.0**	**2 327.0**	**7**	**7**

11.33 Resources in the amount of $2,327,000 would provide for the continuation of seven posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 3 General Service (Other level)) and non-post requirements under other staff costs, travel of representatives, travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials and furniture and equipment.

Table 11.13 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the oversight bodies**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Report of the Office of International Oversight Services (E/AC.51/2009/2)	
The Secretary-General should undertake a review of the subprogramme structure within United Nations support for NEPAD, with the aim of bringing three subprogrammes under the responsibility and oversight of one senior officer, for consideration by the General Assembly (para. 48)	The Secretary-General initiated in 2008, on an experimental basis, the realignment of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States to reinforce advocacy efforts and promote greater inter-agency coordination and donor contact The recommendations, which express support for this initiative, were considered by the Committee for Programme Coordination at its forty-ninth session. The Committee expressed concern that the assessment by OIOS of the Office of the High Representative and the Office of the Special Adviser disregarded the relevant mandates of the two Offices and resolutions of the General Assembly and regretted that OIOS had expressed support for the Secretary-General's proposal for an alignment of functions between the two Offices when the Assembly had decided not to approve that proposal (see report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/64/16, para. 57))

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
	The Committee for Programme and Coordination recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure coordination and synergy in the area of overlap between the Office of the High Representative and the Office of the Special Adviser in order to achieve results in the most effective way (see report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/64/16, para. 53))
	Following on from the outcomes and recommendations of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey, the Secretary-General intends to provide Member States with an assessment of the impact of the experiment on both programmes. (see paragraphs 11. 8 and 11.9 above)
The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, ECA and the Department of Public Information should undertake a joint strategic planning exercise so as to translate the United Nations support for NEPAD mandate into a clearly defined programmatic focus for each of the three areas — advocacy, coordination and public information (para. 49)	The Office has initiated discussion with ECA and the Department of Public Information on this issue. The Office convenes strategic meetings regularly through the interdepartmental Task Force on Africa, chaired by the Special Adviser on Africa, in an effort to harmonize work related to Africa and to ensure a coherent and integrated approach to United Nations support for Africa
The programme of United Nations support for NEPAD (Prog. 9/Sect. 11) should consider formulating a proposal for the purpose of strengthening the backstopping support for the regional consultative mechanism, by way of (a) the provision of additional resources, (b) the reassignment of staffing resources within United Nations support for NEPAD or (c) secondment from other United Nations entities, for the consideration of the General Assembly (para. 51)	The Office will formulate such a proposal, reflecting the outcomes and recommendations of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in Istanbul in May 2011
Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/64/16)	
The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Special Adviser on Africa to pursue further the renewal of the international community's partnership for Africa's development and to engage all relevant United Nations programmes and regional organizations to fully support Africa's commitments pursuant to resolution 63/1 (para. 140)	The Office has substantially increased its collaboration with the African Union Commission, especially the African Union Observer Mission in New York, and with the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
The Committee reiterated its previous recommendation that the General Assembly request the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to ensure that United Nations support for NEPAD moves from debate, assessments and recommendations to tangible action and results in respect of NEPAD projects across the African continent and to report thereon in its next report at the fiftieth session of the Committee (para. 144)	The Office has requested the United Nations agencies to provide more specific and detailed information on the direct impact of their activities in support of NEPAD implementation, which evidence the tangible outputs. This information will be collated by the Office for presentation to the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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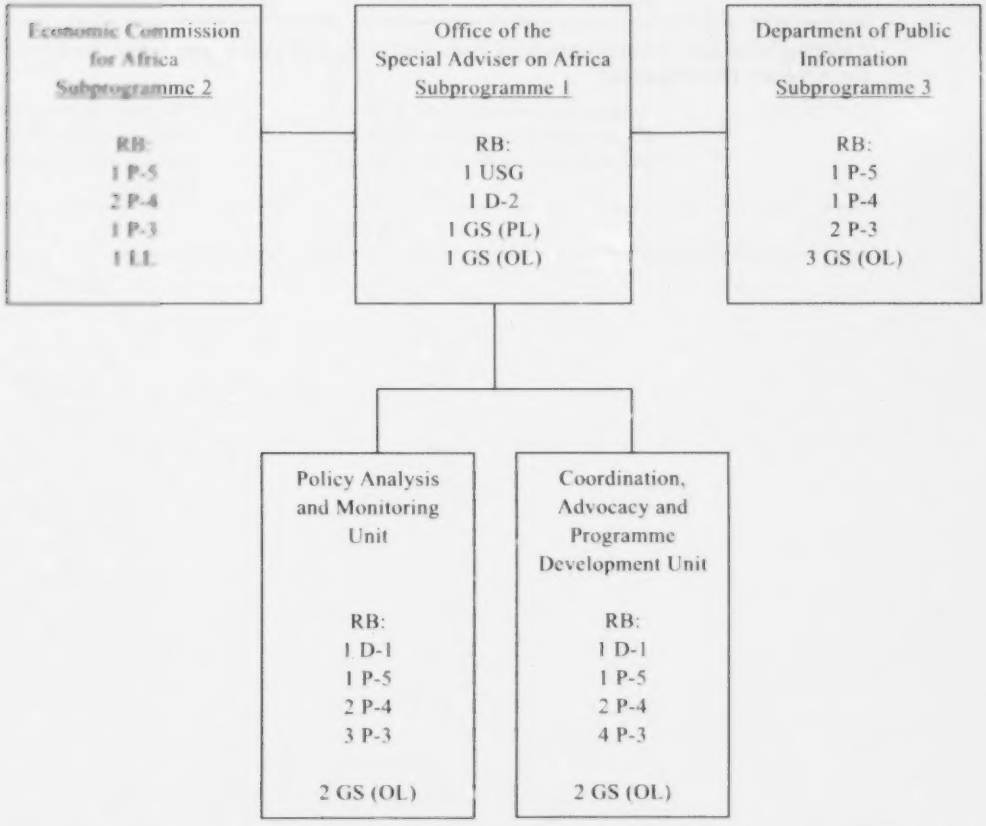
Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2012-2013



Abbreviations: USG, Under-Secretary-General; RB, regular budget; GS, General Service; PL, Principal level; OL, Other level; LL, Local level.

Annex

Outputs produced in 2010-2011 not to be carried out in the biennium 2012-2013

A/64/6 (Sect. 11) paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
Subprogramme 1, Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development			
11.17(a)(ii)	Substantive servicing of the ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict (as required)	1	The group no longer deals with African countries following the creation of the Peacebuilding Commission
	Total	**1**	